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## TRANSMITTAL OF 37 CFR SECTION 1.53(b)(1) CONTINUATION APPLICATION

### PARENT INFORMATION:

First Named Inventor: Ian Millard  
Application No.: 10/325,066  
Filing Date: December 20, 2002  
Group Art Unit: 1725  
Examiner: Heinrich, Samuel M.  
Title: Laser Ablation Nozzle Assembly  
Attorney Docket No.: 2002P13906US

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

This is a request for filing a ☐ continuation ☒ divisional application under 37 CFR Section 1.53(b)(1) of pending prior application Serial No. 10/325,066 filed on December 20, 2002, of Ian Millard and Karl Pichler for LASER ABLATION NOZZLE ASSEMBLY.

1. ☒ Enclosed is a complete copy of the prior application, including the oath or declaration as originally filed. A statement pursuant to 37 CFR Section 1.60(b) verifying the complete copy as a true copy of the prior application appears at paragraph 9 below.

2. ☒ Enclosed is a Preliminary Amendment canceling from the parent application, claims 1-6, 10-20 (after the Preliminary Amendment is entered, the Divisional application will have the following pending claims: 7-9 and new claims 21-26).

3. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement, 1449 and \_\_\_ references are enclosed.

4. ☒ The filing fee is calculated below:

### CLAIMS AFTER ENTRY OF ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

For	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Additional Fees
Total Claims	9 - 20	= 0	x \$ 18	\$ 0.00
Indep. Claims	2 - 3	= 0	x \$ 86	\$ 0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> First Presentation of a Multiple			+ \$290	\$ 0.00

Dependent Claim	
Basic filing Fee	\$ 750.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$750.00</b>

5. [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge **\$ 750.00** and any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. **19-2179**. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

6. [X] Priority of application Serial No. 10/325,066, filed on December 20, 2002 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. Section 119.

7. [X] The assignment in the parent application applies to this continuation application.

8. a. [X] A copy of the Declaration submitted with the parent application is included here with the papers submitted for this divisional application. The Power of Attorney appears within the original Declaration.

b. [X] Address all future communications to:

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9. [X] I hereby declare that the attached papers are a true copy of the parent application having serial no. 10/325,066 and originally filed on December 20, 2002.

10. [X] Please make of record and consider in the present Application the prior art of record in the prior application.

Date: 9/28/03

Respectfully requested,

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